



Tennessee Crop Weather

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ROBUST FIELD ACTIVITIES DOMINATE WEEK

Producers made marked progress setting tobacco and harvesting hay and wheat during the break from wet weather. For many producers, soybean planting continued as their wheat harvest was completed. Good hay quality and mixed wheat yields were reported. Warm season vegetable harvest was active. Crops and pasture were rated in mostly good condition. There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture rated 4 percent very short, 22 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 3 percent very short, 15 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn – Planted	100	99	100	100	Corn	1	3	23	55	18
Corn – Emerged	99	93	99	98	Cotton	4	9	26	48	13
Corn – Silking	7	2	7	4	Soybeans	1	3	21	60	15
Cotton – Planted	99	97	100	99	Winter Wheat	2	6	32	47	13
Cotton – Squaring	27	15	31	22	Pasture	1	6	35	50	8
Hay – First Cutting	87	75	83	73						
Soybeans – Planted	85	77	86	79						
Soybeans – Emerged	72	59	69	62						
Soybeans - Blooming	0	N/A	3	1						
Tobacco – Set	80	63	79	67						
Winter Wheat – Mature ^{1/}	89	51	90	N/A						
Winter Wheat – Harvested	43	15	53	37						

County Agent Comments

The farmers in Fayette County had a good week of planting beans. They finished for the most part. Wheat harvest has started. Other activities included spraying and cutting hay.
Jeff Via, Fayette County

The predicted flash-flood warning was a complete miss last weekend, which was a blessing. Rainfall averaged .25"-1.25" across the county. Cooler and drier weather has prevailed this week, allowing soybean planting to continue and wheat harvest to start. Wheat yields are running mid-60's to low 80's with very good test weights reported.
Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

A mostly dry and unseasonably cool week had farmers back in the fields after a wet end to the previous week. Combines were running wide open harvesting wheat. Haymaking was a common sight as first hay cutting was nearing completion. Warm season vegetable harvest kicks into high gear as cool season vegetables harvest diminishes.
Calvin C. Bryant, Lawrence County

We have corn beginning to silk and tassel. WHEAT YIELDS ARE GOING TO BE LOWER THAN USUAL THIS YEAR BECAUSE WE DID NOT GET A LOT OF TILLERS BECAUSE WE GOT IT OUT SO LATE as a result of dry weather. The grain quality looks great. We are almost through with first cutting of hay. A lot of farmers have taken advantage of the cool weather and wet ground this week and have spread more nitrogen on their hay-land hoping to fill our barns back up.
Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Lack of rainfall and higher temperatures and depleted soil moisture levels. Pasture and range conditions are showing symptoms of drought stress.
David Cook, Davidson County

Good week for crop work and hay harvest. Lots of hay being harvested. Producers reporting they are pleased with quantity produced. Some soybeans planted this week.
A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Timely rain benefited pastures, gardens, and planted row crops, but kept the last few acres of wheat from being harvested and thus prevented the last few acres of soybeans from being planted. Beyond that and a bit of cool weather, everything seems to be as it should for June in Marion County. You all have a great week.
Matthew Deist, Marion County

.65 inch of much needed rain this week.

John Goddard, Loudon County

Most of the county reported more than 2 inches of rain last weekend. Some areas received only half inch.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

Temporary cooler temps and added soil moisture have crops looking good. Thankfully, we missed out on the flooding that some areas got.

Mannie Bedwell, Hamblen County

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